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**Re: U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 09/980,672
For: CARDIAC MUSCLE FUNCTION AND MANIPULATION
By: Mingdong ZHOU
Our reference: 52401-20002.00**

Dear Mr. Alvarado:

Per our discussion today, April 24, attached are copies of the Declaration as filed on February 27, 2002, including returned postcard and accompanying documents. The sequence listing and disk will be filed prior to the May 13, 2002 due date. Thank you for your assistance. Please give me a call if anything further is required.

Regards,

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DECLARATION FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

AS A BELOW-NAMED INVENTOR, I HEREBY DECLARE THAT:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship is as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: CARDIAC MUSCLE FUNCTION AND MANIPULATION,

☒ was filed on October 23, 2001 as Application Serial No. 09/980,672 and identified as attorney docket No. 524012000200.

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Application No.	Country	Date of Filing (day/month/year)	Priority Claimed?
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